



# The Republican Majority Five Year Progress Report Securing America's Future

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When the American people elected Republican majorities in both the House and Senate in 1995, deficits stretched further than the eye could see, and the Social Security Trust Fund was being used as a government slush fund. The welfare system hurt more people than it helped, high taxes had a strangle-hold on the economy, and military readiness was seriously in question. Those problems were magnified by a bureaucracy that stole education dollars from our children's classrooms, putting their futures at risk.

And then, some of us dared to dream. We saw an America where the dream could be restored. We saw an America that believed in the ability of people to control their own lives, where more freedom would mean a more secure future.

So Republicans became the catalyst for balancing the budget. We stopped the raid on Social Security. We moved people from welfare to dignity. We lowered taxes on families and job creators. We began the restoration of our military strength. And, we returned education dollars to parents, teachers and communities.

The result? A record-setting economy, higher-paying jobs, lower interest rates, greater investment, more opportunity, and more parents involved in schools. With this foundation, we've set our sights on future challenges. We need to be vigilant in our protection of Social Security and Medicare funds. Taxes are still too high. Our military is stretched too thin. And, too much money is being wasted in Washington's education bureaucracy.

More than a collection of Republican achievements, this report is a testament to the power of an idea:

**Freedom works!**

And with greater freedom comes greater security.